19. Analyze the impact of the Norman Conquest on the English language, particularly in terms of vocabulary and pronunciation.

20. Examine the impact of technology on the globalization of English, including the role of the internet, social media, and global communication networks.

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FEN42/CEN42 — HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

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SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. What is the origin of the English language?

2. What is the largest language family in the world?

3. What is the primary source of new words in English?

4. What is the primary source of semantic shift?

5. What major event significantly influenced the development of English spelling?

6. What is the role of education in the spread of Standard English?

7. What is the most significant influence of Latin on the English language?

8. How has Greek influenced the formation of new English words?

9. What is the primary difference between American English and British English?

10. What is the term for a language that is widely used in international communication?

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) Discuss the influence of other languages on the development of English.

Or

(b) What is the common feature of Indo-European languages in terms of sound systems?

12. (a) Discuss the impact of colonialism on the growth of English vocabulary.

Or

(b) Discuss the challenges of studying semantic shift and the methods used by linguists to track changes in word meaning.

13. (a) Analyze the relationship between spelling, pronunciation, and meaning in English.

Or

(b) Discuss the historical development of Standard English.

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14. (a) Compare and contrast the use of Greek and Latin in English vocabulary.

Or

(b) Analyze the role of French in the development of English culture and society.

15. (a) Discuss the historical development of American English.

Or

(b) Examine the impact of technology on the globalization of English.

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Compare and contrast the grammar of English with the grammar of other Indo-European languages.

17. Analyze the role of borrowing in the growth of the English vocabulary.

18. Explain the role of early English dictionaries in standardizing the language and shaping its development.